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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A. L. BARBUR, COMMISSIONER

O. LAURGAARD, CITY ENGINEER

April 13, 1932.

Mr. A. L. Barbur,
Commissioner of Public Works,
CITY HALL.

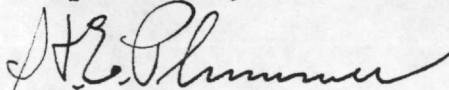
Dear Sir:

In response to your request for a report on Council Paper No. 2193, same being a petition of the Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects that the Council pass legislation under which permission for new buildings on the waterfront between Burnside and Jefferson Streets be refused until there has been a full determination of the waterfront development, I beg to state that I am in accord with the spirit of this suggestion, but I am not convinced that same is necessary or practical.

At the present time there is no construction planned for this district which may come up in the near future, so far as I know, except a public market, the construction of which has been delayed by legal proceedings.

However, if it is desired to take such action as would prevent the construction of buildings which might seriously interfere with the development of the waterfront and the widening of Front Street, I would suggest that control might best be provided by the passage of an ordinance requiring the approval of the Council before any permit be issued for a building exceeding one story in height or of construction better than ordinary masonry, in the waterfront district.

Respectfully submitted,



INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

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